(c) what is its likely effect on the local people who enjoy users right; and

(d) whether his visit to Kuala Lampur yielded desired results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The European Economic Community (EEC) is providing assistance for the project titled "Rehabilitation of Common Lands in the Aravalli Hills of Haryana State". The total cost of the project is Rs. 48.15 crores. The life of the project, which was approved in March, 1990, is eight years. The aim of the project is environmental protection and restoration of the green cover in the semi-arid Aravalli Hills in Haryana, which are subject to degradation. The project hopes to improve the living conditions of the local population through meeting their subsistence needs in an ecologically sustainable manner.

(d) The Ministerial Conference of Developing Countries was held in Kuala Lumpur from 26th to 29th April, 1992, with a view to harmonise the approach of the developing countries for the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Evironment and Development (UNCED) to be held in June, 1992 at Rio de Janerio. A copy of the Declaration adopted at the Conference is placed in the Parliament Library for the perusal of the Honourable Members.

Uniform Application of Motor Vehicles Act

1933. SHRI HARVEVNDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that motor vehicle owners in Faridabad (Haryana) are facing difficulties with regard to transfer/registration of their vehicles in the case of their sale or purchase and also for the issue of driving licences since the procedure followed in Delhi is not being practised in district, towns adjoining the Capital whereas the same motor vehicle act is in force throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that rules and regulations under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 are followed on a uniform basis in the country and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No such instance has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government have time and again impressed upon the State Governments the need for following the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. State Governments are however, empowered to make rules in certain cases, suiting their local requirements.

मंत्रियों की विदेश यात्राएं

@1933-ए० **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्तमान मंत्रि परिषद के उन सदस्यों के नाम क्या क्या हैं, जिन्होंने अपना पदभार ग्रहण करने के पश्चात विदेश यात्रा की है;

(ख) उन्होंने किन-किन देशों की यात्रा की और उनकी यात्राओं का प्रयोजन क्या था; और

@पूर्वतर अतारांकित प्रश्न 1939, 12 मई, 1992 से स्थानान्तरित ।

(ग) प्रत्येक मंत्री के साथ गए अधिकारियों के नाम क्या हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Crossing of LOAC in J and K

@@1933-B. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Kashmir Times, Jammu of 26th March, 1992 to the effect that 13 more cross over to Pakistan;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons who crossed the Line of Actual Control in 1989-90, 1991 and 1992 and the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to stop this migration to inspire confidence amongst the people in India; and

(d) whether the migrations is due to fear of loss of employment opportunities in J&K?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1995, transferred from the 14th May, 1992.

Closure of roads in Jammu and Kashmir

£1933-C. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before independence Jammu and Kashmir had all the year round trade rout called Srinagar-Uri-Kohala Road;

(b) whether this road had been closed due to CFL/LOAC since 1949 adversely effecting the trade and commerce of the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Banihal Road in Sri Nagar which is the only road link to Kahmir province gets closed frequently, if so, the details of such closures during the last three year, year-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this road is of strategic importance for defence purpose and its closure causes hardships to the people and also to trade and commerce of this State; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to construct the Mogul Road in Jammu and Kashmir or assist the State Government to construct?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no adverse effect on trade and commerce from the State since other alternative routes are available.

(c) Due to excessive snow-fall and land slides, Banihal Road was closed for more than 12 hours in a day on 17 days during 1989. 15 days during 1990 and 24 days during 1991.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

£Previously Unstarred Question 2010, transferred from the 14th May, 1992.